



## New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Title	10	Human Services	
Chapter	133K	New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act Procedures And Requirements	8/10/2007
Subchapter:	1	General Provisions	
Section	7	<b>Actions taken by police pursuant to the Act when infant brought to the police station (N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.7)</b>	

### **§10:133K-1.7 Actions taken by police pursuant to the Act when infant brought to the police station**

(a) When a person appears at a police station with an infant and demonstrates, by action or in words, that he or she wishes to leave the infant behind, a police officer shall initiate action, as necessary, in an attempt to determine:

1. Whether the person is acting voluntarily, on his or her own volition; and
2. If the person intends to return for the infant or seeks to permanently give up all rights to the infant.

(b) If the police officer determines that the person appears to be acting voluntarily, on his or her own volition, and has no intent to return for the infant, the police officer shall:

1. Advise the person of the right to remain anonymous in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.6(a);
2. Advise the person that he or she may voluntarily disclose information in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.6(b); and
3. Transport the infant or arrange for the infant's safe transport to a local hospital emergency department pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7 a.

(c) If the infant is injured or appears to be abused or neglected, the police shall immediately notify the Division of Youth and Family Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10, and consult the county prosecutor in accordance with local protocols.

(d) A police officer shall record in the police incident report and shall share with hospital staff any identifying and non-identifying information about the infant that was voluntarily provided by the person who brought the infant to the police station.

(e) The Division of State Police shall assist the Division representative to search listings of missing children pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7 c in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:133K-1.11(a)2, to determine if the infant has been reported missing to the authorities.

1. A State Police detective shall contact the county prosecutor's office to advise the county prosecutor that a child who appears to be a safe haven infant has been brought to, and left at, a hospital in his or her jurisdiction.

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